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FOR: LENGTHWISE ADJUSTABLE SPACE-MAINTAINER FOR
INSERTING BETWEEN TWO VERTEBRAL BODIES

BOX PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and enter the following new claims.

1. 5. A space-maintainer for inserting between two vertebral bodies, said space
maintainer comprising:

a sleeve-shaped first part having a longitudinal axis;

a second part guided therein, the second part being displaceable in an axial
direction relative to the first part;

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